

Sinclair's recent announcement that it will mandate that its stations preempt local programming to broadcast a movie that is admittedly anti-Kerry is a betrayal of the public trust we place in businesses which are allowed to make use of the national airwaves. Use of the nation's airwaves is a right, not a privilege, and the viewing public relies on the companies like Sinclair to use them constructively for the public good. We rightly do not allow obscene or inflammatory content on the airwaves. Nor should we allow blatant political propaganda, no matter whether it comes from the right or the left.

I respectfully request that the FCC intervene and enjoin Sinclair from hijacking the airwaves for an obviously partisan purpose.

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